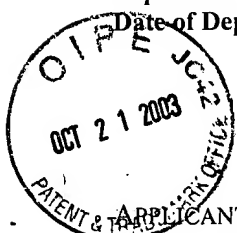


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 21, 2003, attached please find:

1. Response to Final Office Action (6 pgs);
Exhibit 1: Declaration (of Xiaojia Guo) under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (3 pgs);
Exhibit 2: Appendix A (7 pgs);
2. Notice of Appeal (1 pg);
3. Petition for two-month Extension of Time (1 pg);
4. Check No. 17397 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover extension fee; and,
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6. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at telephone (617) 542-6000.

The Applicant in the above-identified application is now a small entity, and is therefore entitled to claim status as a small entity. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-750). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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